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USIB REQUIREMENTS FUNCTIONS

Establish appropriate intelligence objectives, requirements and priorities (NSCID No. 1, para 2. a. (2).)

Identification from time to time, and on a current basis, of Priority National Intelligence Objectives with reference to specific countries and subjects (NSCID No. 1, para 3. b. (1) (b).)

Ensure that the pertinence, extent and quality of the available foreign intelligence and intelligence information relating to the national security is continually reviewed as a basis for improving the quality of intelligence and the correction of deficiencies (NSCID No. 1, para 6. a. (2).)

The departments and agencies concerned shall assist the Central Intelligence Agency in its conduct of espionage by providing guidance in the form of continuous, timely and specific collection requirements and, as required, assessments of the information collected (NSCID No. 5, para 5.)

The COMINT and ELINT missions of the National Security Agency (NSA) shall be***to produce COMINT information and ELINT information in accordance with objectives, requirements and priorities established by the U.S. Intelligence Board (NSCID No. 6, para 6. a.)

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USIB REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

1. To recommend to USIB coordinated statements of national intelligence requirements, including as appropriate to the subject or collection means concerned:
 - a. Description of the objectives or purposes for which the intelligence is needed (threat analysis, warning, current intelligence, scientific and technical developments, order-of-battle, contingency planning, negotiations, etc.)
 - b. Definition of the substantive intelligence information desired in order of priority.
 - c. Specification of the essential elements of information (observables) required to produce the intelligence needed in terms applicable to the type of data involved.
 - d. Appraisal of the relative value from a substantive intelligence viewpoint of each of the essential elements of information.
 - e. Identification of the targets or specific sources to be covered with necessary details of location, size, characteristics, etc.
 - f. Timing, frequency and periods of coverage required for the targets or essential elements of information by type, subject or area.

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g. Specifications as required of the types, formats, urgency, scheduling, channels, recipients, frequency, etc. of reporting essential elements of information to meet intelligence needs.

2. To provide guidance to the particular collection and reporting means or systems on which these requirements should be levied in terms which would assist the operators in meeting them.

3. To review and evaluate on a continuing basis the pertinence, extent and quality of the substantive intelligence information provided by each of the collection and reporting means or systems in meeting the national intelligence requirements.

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